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1. IT FREQUENTLY HAPPENS IN YAR THAT PROMISE AND EXECUTION ARE TWO VERY DIFFERENT THINGS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DECREE TO CLOSE CENTERS WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY YARG LEGAL ADVISER AND FORWARDED TO COMMAND COUNCIL FOR ISSUANCE NOVEMBER 23. HOWEVER, PRIMIN AYNI HAS CONVINCED PRESIDENT HAMDI THAT PUBLIC DEMAND FOR CLOSURE CENTERS WOULD HAVE TOO MANY REPERCUSSIONS AND HAS PROMISED TO CALL IN ONE BY ONE CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WITH CULTURAL CENTERS AND INFORM THEM TO CLOSE DOWN CENTERS QUIETLY. I SUSPECT THAT THIS IS SIMPLY A WAY TO GAIN TIME FOR PRIMIN'S IRAQI AND SYRIAN BAATHI FRIENDS BY LETTING THEM SET THEIR OWN TABLE.

2. I WOULD AGREE ENTIRELY WITH PRINCE SULTAN'S VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO CLOSE DOWN ALL CENTERS. RUSSIANS, LIBYANS, IRAQIS, AND SYRIANS ARE EXTREMELY ACTIVE. SAG CULTURAL EFFORTS SEEM MAINLY TO STIMULATE RIGHT-WING RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM AND ARE IN MY VIEW DESTABLIZING FACTOR. BRITISH COUNCIL WOULD BE BADLY HIT SINCE IT HAS LIBRARY AND FILM SHOWS. BELIEVE, AS STATED IN SANAA REFTTEL, THAT WE COULD DENY THAT
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WE HAVE CULTURAL CENTER IN CORRECT MEANING OF TERM, SINCE

IN FACT WE CURRENTLY ONLY HAVE INSTITUTE TO REACH ENGLISH
LANGUAGE. (INSTITUTE SOMEWHAT ANALAGOUS TO RIYADH CENTER).

3. IF SAG WISHES ENSURE THAT CENTERS ARE IN FACT CLOSED
DOWN, BELIEVE IT WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE FOLLOW MATTER CLOSELY.
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